

<b>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	GUID-008CON2
	Confirmation No.	2852
	First Named Inventor	Benetti
	Application Number	10/670,152
	Filing Date	09/24/2003
	Group Art Unit	3733
	Examiner Name	Philogene, Pedro
	Title	Xyphoid Access for Surgical Procedures

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 24, 2008 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before December 24, 2008. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.